REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed April 30, 2004. Further consideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following:

Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. Section 121

The Examiner asserted a requirement for election of invention under 35 U.S.C. Section 121. Applicant elects Group II as characterized by the Examiner (corresponding to claims 7-10, 15-28, 39-41, 48-51, 56-64, and 75-77) from the groups presented by the Examiner, without traverse. Claims 1-6, 11-14, 29-38, 42-47, 52-55, and 65-74 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5650-02200/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

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